

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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PRICE OF GUR

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the price of Gur (Jaggery) far exceeds the price of refined sugar in the market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a large proportion of Gur is being diverted for production of illicit liquor;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)to(e): Yes, Madam. As per the trade sources the price of Gur (Jaggery) is generally higher than the price of refined sugar in the market. It is also learnt from media reports/industry sources that Gur is being diverted for production of illicit liquor. Gur (Jaggery) has been omitted from the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 from 21st July 2007 and therefore, no control over the same is being exercised. However, State Governments can take necessary steps to stop diversion of Gur for production of illicit liquor.